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House of Representatives, January 21, 2009

An Act To Establish a Moratorium on School Administrative Regionalization

(EMERGENCY)

Reference to the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

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Presented by Representative McFADDEN of Dennysville. Cosponsored by Senator WESTON of Waldo and Representatives: EATON of Sullivan, EDGECOMB of Caribou, JOHNSON of Greenville, JOY of Crystal, SAVIELLO of Wilton, SCHATZ of Blue Hill.

- Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and
- Whereas, some school administrative units are not able to come into compliance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, chapter 103-A by the July 1, 2009 deadline; and

6 Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within 7 the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as 8 immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, 9 therefore,

- 10 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
- 11 Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §1455 is enacted to read:

## 12 §1455. Implementation delayed

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a school administrative unit in existence
 on the effective date of this section that is not in compliance with this chapter on July 1,
 2009 is not required to implement the provisions of this chapter and rules adopted under
 section 1454 until July 1, 2010. A penalty may not be imposed for failure to comply with
 this chapter prior to July 1, 2010.

- 18 Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this
  19 legislation takes effect when approved.

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## SUMMARY

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21 This bill allows school administrative units an additional year to come into 22 compliance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, chapter 103-A, which contains 23 the provisions for regional school units.